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In re application of : Yoichiro Sako et al.
Serial No. : 09/940,710
Filed : August 28, 2001
For : DATA OUTPUT METHOD AND APPARATUS, DATA
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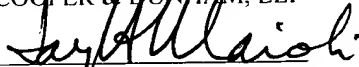
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Transmitted herewith is a Preliminary Amendment in the above-identified application.

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to the initial examination of the above-identified application, Applicants respectfully request that the application be amended as follows:

Amendments to the Abstract of the disclosure begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 32 of this paper.